

**South-Western City Schools
Minutes – Regular Meeting
January 22, 2024**

The South-Western City Board of Education met in regular session on January 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Denise D'Angelo Steele
Julie Liskany
Kelli Martindale
Camille Peterson
Chris Boso

Mr. Boso stated that he would like to apologize for the position he put the Board members in at the last meeting with some sworn in only hours before. Mr. Boso stated that as Board president he will do better.

24-14 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented for the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-15 Ms. Martindale moved that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes for the January 8, 2024 meetings as attached.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Transportation Update - Mr. Tim Cox, Supervisor, Transportation
 - a. Mr. Cox provided a PowerPoint presentation regard the District's transportation program.
 - b. Ms. Liskany asked how long it takes a person to get a CDL.
 - c. Mr. Cox stated that it takes about four weeks. He stated that the test is difficult, but the trainers do a nice job of training to the individual.

[01 22 2024 Board Transportation Presentation .pdf \(5,402 KB\)](#)

2. Food Services Update - Ms. Lisa Hamrick, Supervisor, Food Services
 - a. Ms. Hamrick provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the District's food service program.

[1.22.2024 Food Services Presentation.pdf \(1,272 KB\)](#)

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discussion on Appointing Legal Counsel per Policy 0174

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The Board of Education would like to discuss the potential of entering into an agreement with Tarazi Law for legal services.

Mr. Boso stated that this item will be the discussion of potentially appointing legal counsel. Mr. Boso read Policy 0174. Mr. Boso stated that this item is not taken lightly. Mr. Boso stated that he wants all Board members to discuss.

Mrs. Peterson stated that she disapproves of the selection of the law firm. Mrs. Peterson stated that not all Board of Education members were part of the selection process. Mrs. Peterson stated that should all of the majority believe the appointment of the law firm is needed that all should be part of the law firm selection vetting process. Mrs. Peterson stated that this leaves a Board member without a voice in the choice.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele asked Mr. Omar Tarazi to come forward.

Mr. Tarazi stated that he wanted to clarify an issue. Mr. Tarazi stated that the District has a number of attorneys that are providing services, but only one is providing services per Board vote. Mr. Tarazi stated that he was approached after the last meeting about how the vote went and how it should be handled. Mr. Tarazi stated that he has 15 years of experience in this area. Mr. Tarazi stated that the Board president approached him about getting another legal opinion. Mr. Tarazi stated that he was a member of Hilliard City Council. Mr. Tarazi stated that he thinks today's vote was so he could be a part of the Board's executive session. Mr. Tarazi stated that if the Board was to consider a law firm to represent all of the other things without a Board approval that is beyond what he is proposing today.

24-16 Mrs. D'Angelo Steele moved that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Tarazi Law for legal services.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that she did not know of the District being in contract with any legal firm that we know of.

Ms. Liskany seconded the motion.

Mrs. Peterson stated that she believes all Board members should be part of the vetting process. Mrs. Peterson stated that she was not spoken to about this.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that she is very sorry about that.

Mr. Boso stated to Mrs. Peterson that is why they are bringing it up now. Mr. Boso stated that it is hard to discuss anything outside of the Board room. Mr. Boso stated that his motion is to have Tarazi Law look into the employment issue on hand now.

Dr. Wise asked to clarify what the motion was for. Was the motion to the personnel matter or the personnel matter and all other services outlined in the proposals sent to Mr. Boso.

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated her motion was a proposal to enter into an agreement with Tarazi Law for legal services. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that it was for legal services in general going forward. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that she is not aware of any names of legal services that the District employs. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that the District does not have any legal contracts except for one, which is Rich & Gillis. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that per Board policy, we are allowed to enter into an agreement with an attorney that the Board votes on. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that because of Sunshine Laws, the Board can only have these discussions in a Board meeting and this is the opportunity. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated to have discussions one-by-one is against the law. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that she apologized that Mrs. Peterson was not aware of legal counsel at this meeting and that she was not aware of legal counsel before the last meeting. Mrs. D'Angelo Steele stated that she would welcome meeting our other legal counsel.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, No;

Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mr. Boso, Aye.

Ms. Martindale, Aye;

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Motion Carried

24-17 Ms. Liskany moved that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal & Operational Management item as presented.

1. Appointment to the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Board of Trustees

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Mrs. Denise D'Angelo Steele to the OSBA Board of Trustees for the 2024 calendar year.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-18 Mrs. Peterson moved that the Board of Education approve the Personnel items as presented.

CERTIFICATED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Regular

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Orozco, Dominic M.	PSIS/6th Grade	1/16/24

2. Resignations - Supplemental

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>FRANKLIN WOODS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL</u>		
Sports Club Advisor	Bailey, Christopher E.	1/8/24
Sports Club Advisor	Foos, Zachary D.	1/8/24
Sports Club Advisor	Eberle, Mathew J.	1/8/24
<u>BEULAH PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>		
PBIS	Swank-Kavanaugh, Kimberly	1/12/24
<u>CENTRAL CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Spring Musical Vocal Director	McDevitt, Jessica R.	1/12/24

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty

The following teachers have been nominated for supplemental contract assignments for the 2023-2024 school year. In accordance with Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that the Board formally employ and grant supplemental contracts to these persons, to be paid in accordance with the current adopted salary schedule for supplemental duties. The Board of Education's obligation for these supplemental (Extra Duty) contracts is contingent upon the employee fulfilling the required certifications in the Board policy and State Board of Education Rules 3301-27-01 and 3301-27-02 and maintaining current certification in those areas.

[Supplemental Contract Recommendations for Extra Duty 1.22.24.pdf \(126 KB\)](#)

2. Substitute Teachers

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In accordance with provisions of Section 3319.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following persons are recommended as substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with the salary schedule for substitutes adopted by the South-Western City Schools Board of Education. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provision of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). *Denotes SWCS retiree

Name

Demetriou, Patricia A.
Geddis, Collin H.
Mohamed, Farhiya M.
Qasem Shadid, Maisa R.
West, Charles L.*

3. Substitute Pool

The following persons are nominated for the substitute pool at a rate of \$145 per day effective as indicated. This employment is contingent upon receipt by the Board of a report from BCII which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39 (B)(3).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Andrews, Teresa M.	1/8/24
Heller, Breaker L.	1/17/24
Oxyer, Kristina N.	1/8/24

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignations - Supplementals

<u>Location/Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Head Volleyball Coach	Jackson, LaShonda M.	1/15/24

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENTS

1. Classified Substitutes

It is recommended that the following persons be approved for "on call" work on an hourly basis in the positions indicated effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. They will be paid the hourly rate indicated, time sheets to be submitted. This employment is contingent upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from BCI, which complies with the provisions of ORC 3319.31 and 3319.39(B)(3). It is understood that all requirements for operation of a school bus in the State of Ohio must be met before substitute bus drivers can be called to work.

Substitute Custodian - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.93 per hour)
Reasch, Logan C.
Substitute Clerical - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$19.53 per hour)
Stewart, Joel E.
Substitute SED, DH, Bus Aide - \$15.84 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)
Stewart, Joel E.
Substitute Aide - \$14.00 per hour (*SWCS Retiree - \$18.88 per hour)
Stewart, Joel E.

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

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Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Items

- a. Mr. Boso stated that he was appreciative of those in attendance tonight as we continue to work through complex issues.

24-19 **Ms. Martindale moved** that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session according to Policy 0166 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of public employees.

Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye;
Ms. Liskany, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

The Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.; they reconvened the meeting at 10:04 p.m. with all attending members present.

Roll Call:

Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye; Ms. Martindale, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

24-20 **Mr. Boso moved** that the meeting be adjourned

Ms. Martindale seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ms. Martindale, Aye; Mrs. D'Angelo Steele, Aye; Ms. Liskany, Aye;
Mrs. Peterson, Aye; Mr. Boso, Aye.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Chris Boso
President

Hugh W. Garside, Jr.
Treasurer